procurement of equipment so far. The anticipated investment as per the projections given is Rs. 100.00 lakhs.

They have not declared any exports so far. The projected exports over the 5 years is Rs. 38.26 crores (as mentioned in their application for registration).

Alternative markets for software in South East Asia

+1290. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the on-going recession in US Infotech Industry has rendered many Indian IT professionals jobless and if so, whether the slow down is likely to persist for more time to come;

(b) if so, what steps Government are considering to absorb those IT professionals who have come back from US; and

(c) whether Indian software majors are exploring alternate markets in China, Singapore and Japan in view of the slump in the US IT market?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) There has been an on-going recession in the US Infotech industry resulting in reduction in staff which includes Indian IT professionals. National Advisory Committee on Information Technology in its meeting held on May 10, 2001, discussed the 'slowdown of US economy and its impact in India'.

(b) Several policy measures have been taken to facilitate infrastructural development and attract foreign investments in the area of Information Technology for improving the position of employment in the country. Some of them are, setting up new

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Software Technology Parks (STPs), establishing Media Lab Asia, spread of Internet and IT enabled services.

(c) Indian IT software and services companies making vigorous efforts to tap/exploit/consolidate the alternative markets like Europe, Singapore & Japan.

Institutions under IT Ministry

1291. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of institutions that come under his Ministry; and

(b) the duties and responsibility of such institutions for the development of IT Industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The institutions under Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) fall in three broad categories;

(a) Attached Offices (Two)

(b) Autonomous Societies (Fourteen)

(c) Public Sector Undertakings (Three)

Detailed allocation of responsibilities of various organizations is as follows:

A. Attached Offices

(i) Standardisation Testing & Quality Certification (STQC), New Delhi

Standardisation Testing & Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate is a premier institution in the country dedicated to provide Total Quality Solutions to the Indian Electronics and IT Industry. Under STQC, there is a network of 15 Laboratories located all over the country. STQC services include Testing and Calibration of electronic products. Certification (as per ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 Standards), IT Standards, Testing and Quality Assurance of Software, Training & Certification in Information Security